Welfare of BSF personnel deployed in the Rann of Kutch is attended to, on priority, by the Unit Commandant, Sector DIG and other senior officers by holding frequent "sainik sammellans" and periodical interactions. BOPs are equipped with recreational facilities like television, newspapers, periodicals and indoor/outdoor sports equipment. Rations and drinking water are provided to them well in time through the Unit administration.

In addition to the above, a Nodal Officer is available at Unit, Sector and Frontier levels to sort-out the personnel grievances/problems of the troops. Each Company has transport for emergency evacuation of patients. In adverse conditions and emergency, evacuation by the Air Force is also arranged. For specialised treatment, troops are referred to Civil Hospitals.

Atrocities against women in rural areas

†4760. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that incidents related to beating of women alongwith stripping and parading them even on petty matters have become common these days in the rural areas;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(c) the social and cultural reasons behind these incidents; and

(d) the action being taken by Government to check these incidents?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a)to(d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Rehabilitation of Kashmiri Pandits

4761. SHRI SANJAY NIRUPAM: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the total population of Kashmiri pandits has migrated from the terrorism affected Kashmir valley;

(b) if so, the details of the migration of the community and the rehabilitation programme for them indifferent parts of the country;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(c) if not, how many Kashmiri pandits are still staying in the valley area or in the other parts of the J&K State;

(d) whether Government would plan to rehabilitate them in the valley of Kashmir only; and

(e) if so, what is the progress and policy in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO): (a) to (c) As per information available, 53538 families have so far migrated from Kashmir Valley which includes Hindus, Muslims, Sikhs and others. Out of this, 31490 families are staying at Jammu, 19338 families are staying at Delhi and 2710 families are staying in other States. Community-wise break-up of families is not available except for Jammu, which is as under:

Hindus	—	27282
Muslims	—	2303
Sikhs	—	1830
Others	—	75
		31490

Government of J&K is giving cash relief 117 Rs. 600/- per head per month subject to a maximum of Rs. 2400/- per month per family plus basic dry ration @ 9 kgs of rice and 2 kgs of atta per person and one kg of sugar per family per month to needy migrants staying at Jammu. The last revision of rates for J and K and Delhi has been effected from 1.4.1999. Majorities of the families registered in other States/UTs are also drawing relief from the respective States/ UTs at scales fixed by them. A statement indicating the scales of relief in various States/UTs is in the statement. (*See* below)

(d) and (e) As intimated by the Government of J and K, the return of these migrants to the Valley with dignity and honour and their rehabilitation thereof is one of the top priorities of the State Government. The State Government has constituted an apex level Committee under the Chairmanship of Revenue Minister to go into the entire issue and finalise the long term and short term solutions. Under the recommendations of the Committee, a Sub-Committee stands constituted for preparing an action plan for return of the migrants. Meanwhile, social interaction programme has been initiated under which groups

of migrants have visited various districts of the Valley and interacted with locals with a view to pave a way for the return of the migrants.

STATEMENT

Quantum of relief in various States

Jammu and Kashmir

Government of Jammu and Kashmir is giving cash relief of Rs. 600/- per head per month subject to a maximum of Rs. 2400/- per family plus basic dry ration @ 9 kgs of rice and 2 kgs of atta per person and one kg of sugar per family per month to needy migrants.

In addition to these reliefs, the migrants are being given ex-gratia relief for loss of their property, equal to 50% of loss of immovable property, subject to a ceiling of rupees two lakhs.

Delhi

In Delhi, cash relief of Rs. 600/- per head per month subject to a maximum of Rs. 2400/- is being given to those living under their own arrangements and cash relief of Rs. 450/- per head per month subject a maximum of Rs. 1800/- plus dry ration consisting of the following items is being given to those living in camps:—

Rice	—	8 kgs per head, subject to maximum of 32 kgs per family per month.
Atta	—	2.5 kgs per head, subject to maximum of 10 kgs per family per month.
Sugar	—	625 gms per head, subject to a maximum of 2.5 kgs per family per month.
Pulses	—	750 gms per head, subject to a maximum of 3 kgs per family per month.
Kerosene oil	—	15 litres per family per month.
Edible oil	—	750 gms per head, subject to a maximum of 3 kgs per family per month.
Potato	—	5 kgs per family per month.
Onion	—	1.25 kgs per head, subject to a maximum of 5 kgs per family per month.

Salt	—	50 gms per head, subject to a maximum of 1 kg per family per month.

Uttar Pradesh

The Government of Uttar Pradesh is making one time payment of Rs. 1500 per family for the purchase of items of daily requirement like utensils, etc. and a monthly cash assistance @ Rs. 750/- per month per family.

Rajasthan

The Government of Rajasthan is paying cash relief assistance @ Rs. 250/- per migrant per month.

Punjab

The Government of Punjab and Himachal Pradesh are paying cash relief @Rs. 460/- per month per family of four or more members, in addition to a one time grant of Rs. 860/- for purchase of utensils, bedding, etc. A sum of Rs. 115/- per month is given as ration money.

Madhya Pradesh

The Government of Madhya Pradesh is paying cash relief of Rs. 300/- per month per head. They have been provided ration card and blankets during winter.

Chandigarh

The Chandigarh Administration is providing cash relief @ Rs. 300/- per head per month subject to a maximum of Rs. 1200/- per month per family for migrants living in camps and @Rs. 450/- per head per month subject to a maximum of Rs. 1800/- per month per family for those living under their own arrangements. Migrants living in camps are also provided ration consisting of the following items:

Atta	—	10 kgs per migrant subject to a maximum of 40 kgs per family per month.
Rice	—	7.5 kg per migrant subject to a maximum of 30 kgs per family per month.
Edible oil	—	3 kgs per family per month.
Sugar	—	625 gms per head subject to a maximum of 2.5 kgs per family per month.

Tea	—	125 gms per head subject to a maximum of 500 gms per family per month.
Pulses	—	1250 gms per head subject to a maximum of 5 kgs per family per month.
Salt	—	1 kg per family (of four or more persons) per month.
Milk	—	1 litre per family per day.
Bread	—	1 loaf per family per day.

Surrender of Assam insurgents

4762. SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a record of 532 insurgents belonging to various insurgent outfits, surrendered before the Assam Governor on 4th April, 2000;

(b) whether any understanding for talks for return to the national mainstream by the insurgents has been reached; if so, the details in this regard;

(c) whether similar talks with respect to militants in Kashmir and other parts are also being held; and

(d) the steps being taken to secure an end to insurgency by the misguided youths?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) Yes, Sir. It is a fact that 532 insurgents belonging to various insurgent outfits surrendered before the Governor of Assam on 4th April, 2000 at Sibsagar.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) During his visit to J and K on 26-27 July, 1997 the then Prime Minister had an appeal to the misguided youth of the State, who have joined the militant ranks, to five up their guns, and said that the Government was prepared to have unconditional talks with them, to enable them to rejoin the mainstream. The Government is committed to the said offer of talks, within the constitutional frame work.

(d) The Government has taken various steps to bring law and order situation in Assam under control. These include, *inter alia*, deployment of para-military forces and army in the States, coordinated action by Army, Para-